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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Request for Nominations for the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail**

**Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered for appointment to the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to: Chuck Grady, Chief of Administration, Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine, Hampton National Historic Site, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, 2400 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230, telephone (410) 962-4290, ext. 110, or via email at [charles\\_grady@nps.gov](mailto:charles_grady@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chuck Grady, Chief of Administration, Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine, Hampton National Historic Site, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, 2400 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230, telephone (410) 962-4290, ext. 110 or via email at [charles\\_grady@nps.gov](mailto:charles_grady@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council was established under the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 to 1251, as amended). The purpose of the Council is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the Star-Spangled Banner NHT, including but not limited to, the selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the Trail, and interpretation and administration of the Trail.

The Council shall not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary as follows:

- a. The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee;
- b. A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and
- c. One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and

individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

Members are appointed for a term of two years. Some Council members may serve as Special Governmental Employees which requires the completion of an annual financial disclosure report and annual ethics training.

Members of the Council receive no pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of their service on the Council. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Council as approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed such expenses under section 5703 of Title 5 of the United State Code.

Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term “individual capacity” refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Meetings will take place at such times as designated by the DFO. Members are expected to make every effort to attend all meetings. Members may not appoint deputies or alternates.

### SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

We are seeking nominations for Council members in all categories. The terms of the majority of the 22 members will expire on August 21, 2015. All those interested in membership, including current members whose terms are expiring, must follow the same nomination process. Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council, and to permit the Department to contact a potential member.

Dated: July 2, 2015.

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